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Mr. Kirby Page
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Dear Kirby:

I leave tonight (July 31st) for my month's vacation, which I expect to spend in trying desperately to finish up my big book. I have not been able to do much of anything on it lately, as you know, and I had a talk with the president of the Vanguard Press and also with Coley Taylor and both of them agree that it ought to be finished by October 1st if I am to have any hope of its getting out next spring.

I am taking away with me quite a lot of World Tomorrow work in the form of manuscripts that will demand reading and some attention and this will require about two days work at home. I am leaving things here in pretty good shape. Gladys wanted to take her vacation, or rather the two weeks still due her, between the publication of our September number and the 3rd of September. However, we doubt if your article and some other material will be in time for such an early schedule and so we decided today that she would take one week in the latter part of August and the other week either in the latter part of September or of October. She can arrange to do this fairly conveniently. I am leaving everything outlined for the September issue and we had a good luncheon today with Reinie completing all necessary plans.

Bromley Oxnam has not answered any of my correspondence and I have heard only from his secretary, so I got busy on it and Reinie and I decided to ask Dan Brummit, and Brummit has agreed to review your book. We will bring out the review in the October issue coincidentally with the Religious Book Club's announcement about it to its reading public.

Benjamin Stolberg has proved as undependable about his article as we feared and so instead of waiting any longer which would have been perilous, we asked J. B. S. Hardman to do it. I had a good talk with him and showed the complete outline and I think he understands clearly what is required. I have called Stolberg definitely off so that he would not be able to come through at the 59th minute and say we should take his article. I have discovered just now that he is pretty ill in a hospital but of course that is

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no explanation of his delay lasting more than a year.

Harry Ward is positively adamant in his refusal to have us write him up in our series of Pathfinders. Therefore, we decided to go ahead with Justice Holmes. I know you will be glad in some ways, and so am I, because I wanted Holmes excepting that I did not feel like pushing any of the others out to make room for him. We have definitely decided to write up Carrie Chapman Catt since Florence Kelly's autobiography is going to be published in the Survey.

I think I have covered now most of the questions you will want to know about and so I will break away.

I hope the rest of the trip goes as well as the early part seems to be going. Have a good time and remember me affectionately to the others.

Affectionately,

Devere

DA:ST

Dictated by Devere Allen and signed in his absence.

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to fourteen hours every day.
Will slow down at the first
intimation of tiredness. Suppose
the exhilaration and thrill of
following a deep conviction have
a lot to do with it.

Am writing regularly
to the children and to the folks
in Texas.

The report letter list came
and I am sending Shemwoot
a copy by this mail.

Thirty-nine! What
glorious years they have been!
What privileges have been

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Sweetheart:

Spent my birthday doing
an extra long period of work on
the new book. It is quite
extraordinary the way I keep
feeling well and vigorous in
spite of sustained reading and
writing. Have not had a

headache since you left,
my eyes have given no
trouble whatever and I
have more vitality than
usual. Yet I have been
plugging away from twelve

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Crowded into them! And the
best is on before!

A fine letter from Mary
has just arrived.

Know you must be having
a grand time.

Love and kisses

Daddy



Hotel Morgan
ONLY FIREPROOF HOTEL IN CITY

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

Aug.
July 8 1929

Dear Kirby:

You well surely think that we have "passed out" but we have it. You will see by the letter head just where we are at the present time. I came down last Saturday to keep Betty company while she broke in the new office here. I had planned to stay only a couple of days and then go on to Betty's folks but when I arrived I developed an infection in the arm which required better medical attention than I would be able to get in her home town. So here I am.

We are planning to leave
here day after tomorrow and go
from here to Mt Pleasant and from
there to Cleveland and home again
to N.Y.

You were wondering about
Ruby and Mary but up to the
present we have not heard a
great deal. Mary wrote shortly
after she arrived in camp and
asked for some things which
she had forgotten and a
week or so ago Ruby wrote
to us conerning an all night
hike.

It is too bad that we have
not been able to give them more
time up to date. If you could
only have seen us these past
few weeks you would realize
that it was quite impossible



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Next week our vacation begins in earnest. and while we have written the youngsters before we will write them again and try to persuade them to write to you.

It was interesting to have Kirby and Mary that short time before they went to camp and it would have done your heart good to see Kirby come out of his shell and show both interest and enthusiasm in some of the things that were going on. Betty and I decided that our young niece Virginia was an unusually good influence with Kirby Jr.

Ann's friend Eloise stayed with us until after Anne sailed. Then Betty Virginia and Eloise went on to Washington. Eloise's uncle was a former Senator. He lives in Washington. He visited them about quite a bit so that they "did the city" in grand style.

No doubt you are getting reports upon things which are going on in Washington. Hoover does seem to be doing a few worth while things, but of course any thing which he will be able to do is only a drop in the bucket.

We all rejoice with you on the acceptance of your book by the Religious Book of the Month Club. and are wishing you great success with your book on National Defense.

Affectionately yours
Eugene.

26 Bedford Place, London, W.C. 1, August 9th.

Alma

Dear folks in the Office;

The August number came yesterday and was like a present from home. I have eagerly devoured every word of it and like it a lot. Suppose you have bought Heinie a new hat after that review of his new book. And just think, we are not even paying for reviews anymore! I thought the Last Page was one of the best yet. The editorials were excellent. Will await the August financial report with much interest to see how we came out for the year.

As you know I decided to stay here longer in order to work on the new book - National Defense, A Consideration of the Origins, Results and Prevention of War. I am at it morning, noon and night. Every day as regularly as the clock I show up at the British Museum Library, work until one o'clock, take half an hour for lunch, back in the library until six, sleep half an hour before supper, walk for half an hour, read in my room until ten, walk for half an hour, read until midnight, sleep until 7:30 - so it goes day after day. Have rarely been as regular in my habits as during these weeks. Am feeling wonderfully well. Not a headache in a dozen's age. Each day full of vim, vigor and vitality! Am delighted with the progress being made on the book. Have accomplished as much as would have been done in three months under ordinary circumstances.

Alma reports a grand time on the Continent. Expect to get her first Russia letter tomorrow. Maude Eddy is a splendid traveling companion. She and Alma will take good care of each other.

Will soon be sending a long report letter on the situation here in England. I expect to remain here until the 24th. After stopping in Geneva, care of the American Express Co., will be in Budapest, Hungary, care of Thomas Cook & Sons, until September 3rd, then four days in Belgrade, Jugoslavia, and then Sofia, Bulgaria, arriving in Constantinople on September 14th, where I will meet Alma and the Eddys. Our address there is care of the YMCA, 40 Rue Mahmut Cabristan, Constantinople, Turkey. Five cents postage will be required in all the countries we visit from now on, as you know.

Keep me fully informed. Am interested in details as to how things are coming along. Hope that all of you manage to get a much deserved rest.

Cordially yours,

Sat 8/10/29

Dear Dad,

Say! if you think its cold there at night, why, you haven't ever been cold.

We sleep under a blanket doubled four times, and two other blankets besides, and yet we're freezing!

Something's written in Denmark, or some other place. I wrote plenty of letters before you, "first two" letters. I don't know how many I wrote, but I know that I wrote some.

Please secure as many autographs as you can.

Yesterday was International Day. In the morning assembly I had to make a speech on International friendship. I'm afraid I didn't do so

good though. In the afternoon we had a tea party. We had juice, and cookies. Some girls recited in foreign languages and danced. In the evening we had a Jap. lantern party. Each person received a lantern when it began to get dark. Then we marched single file and made a circle around a little Jap. garden. Then Tsutsu Ohta, a Jap. girl in my dorm did sort of a ceremonial dance. Honestly it was the prettiest sight I ever laid eyes upon.

After I get home from camp, I'm going to stay with Mrs. Elliott in Sunnyside, until Aunt Betty get

back from Ohio.
Heaps and heaps of Love
Mary

P.S. Made a hammered
silver bracelet with
E.H. on it for Aunt Betty

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Aug. 16

I had anticipated on. Part I -

The Cancer of the Colon has. Will cut down drastically this rough drift. Am blessed indeed with the way it looks.

Am going to see

Journey's End tonight. Bought

ticket three weeks ago.

Have already secured

my railway ticket and sleeper from Ostend (Belgium) to

Budapest. Will not go to

Paris and Geneva at all.

No change from Ostend to

Train No 54 seems clear.

Budapest: My car is No. 8,

Sweetheart:

your good letter of the 12th came today. I rejoice that you are feeling so well and seeing so much. Make full notes about your experiences and write lots of details to the children.

Will try to get the items you have listed.

From present appearance

the new book is going to be thousands and thousands of pages in length! Has written twice as much as

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Berth 11, leaving Ostend at
17:30 on August 28th and leaving
Vienna about 10 P.M. on the 29th,
arriving Budapest 6:20 A.M.
on the 30th. If you know
how to reach Bryn-Jones you
might send him this information.
I am forwarding a line to
him in Vienna.

The time goes rapidly. Soon
Sept. 14 will be here. Then!
What a grand time we shall have.
Lovingly your husband

Kirby

Sherwood letter via Hill arrived.

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a section from the book!

Lonesome for you.

Health grand

Disposition: amiable.

appetite: ravenous!

Love for

your

Kirby

—

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August 12

Dearest:

Two good letters for you today. So glad you enjoyed Leningrad. Will ask you all about it when we reach Constantinople.

The enclosed will interest you!

all well here. Not much to tell - unless you want me to cory

Box 273
League City, Texas
August 20, 1929

Dear Pages —

Those Englishmen
had better stay away from Texas
or they will find out what warm
weather is. We are having it in
large quantities. And we are
selling more coffee than we ever
sold. Folks will come in and
say "My isn't it hot? — Gimme
a cup o' coffee." I don't see how
they do it. We have all sorts
of visitors — One barefoot boy
(about 25 or 26) had been fishing.
Two flappers had on over-alls
made of very loud cretonne.

Lots of them leave off their hose. One fair maiden had on a long sleeved black satin dress and anklets! Bet she spent a lot of time shaving her legs.

Business is getting along pretty nicely. Guess August will be about our best month of the whole year. We are pretty busy. We get plenty eats and a little bit of sleep. Nuff sleep for Kirby but not enough for me. I think I was born sleepy. I'm working harder and feeling better than I have for some years.

Bilie and Dix have gone back to Houston. It was more

than Dix was equal to. Mother made a noble effort but it didn't work. We saw to it that they always got their day off each week and once in a while they went out at night. And all the good it did was that she persuaded Billy that Mother and I were so old fogey that we didn't want to have any fun. Made it kinder hard on Billy too because he tried to do his share of the work and hers to. He's the one I was sorry for this time. He has tried so hard to make something out of her and she just doesn't have the right material to work with. He still loves her and of course, the baby makes the

tie stronger. He is trying his best to make things go right but I honestly don't believe that Iris cares for him any more. They are not so well mated. Her idea of a good time is dancing and smoking and drinking and he is essentially the old fashioned type of man who doesn't fancy that sort of thing for his wife. Of course, she is still young but I don't think that is the root of the trouble. Even young people have different kinds of characters. She was at least old enough to know better than to go off and leave me for a week when Mama was sick in bed. And it wasn't because they were kin either. Billy is more kin than

she is and I must admit that
he has acted pretty decently.
He stayed here until we could
decide whether we would sell
out or stay here. We wanted
to sell at first but the more
we thought about it the worse
we hated to leave. Mama can't
be idle and we would have
a hard time finding anything
as good as this. Hilde has
just about decided to stay
with us. She was visiting us
the day Iris decided to leave.
Looks like the Lord planned
it out that way. She didn't have
the slightest intention of staying
more than a couple of days

but being the kind of person
she is she stayed on to help us
out for a little while. She
hated to leave Tell but he is
stepping out with the ladies and
if he gets married she would
be left out in the cold anyway.
She caught on to the work quickly
and we are getting along more
smoothly without a dish-washer
now than we did when we
had Billy and Luis and the negro.
She and I get up early in the
morning and let Mother sleep
and then take turns resting in
the afternoons. Doesn't leave
much time off but Mother and
I hadn't been getting any anyway.
When we get the Ford fixed

up so Mother can run it, there
will be a better chance for a
little bit of fun. Of course, I
have a date reasonably often
but that doesn't help them
much.

Mother is getting along very
nicely now. Working like the
dickens but she would do that
whether it happened to be
necessary or not. The most
we can do is to see that she
gets a little bit of rest in
the morning. I believe that
work agrees with most people
anyway. It is the worry that
pulls you down. If we need
to we can get our dishwasher
back. She is willing to come.

We got us a Neon tube sign that says "Cafe". It shows for quite a distance. It is the only one between Houston and Galveston. It also burns less electricity than the bulb signs and electricity comes at an outrageous rate here.

Now that I've spelled the beans, maybe Mother will feel like writing to you. She always leaves the dirty work to me, drat it. Seems awful but I guess the really silly part was for us to ever think we could get along, case of oil and water trying to mix. Guess the good Lord will take care of us and the rest of the fools though. Hope this doesn't depress you, I'm sure it is all for the best. I'll try to do better next time.

Love & luck -

Johnnie.

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Very 20

Sweetheart of mine:

In Sofia, Bulgaria - 9^o
Y. M. C. A., 23 Patriarch
Efthimi, from the 9 to 12.
Constantinople: morning of
the 14th. And then!

Have two young?

older coming what I have
written thus far. Am
exceeding ly pleased with
the progress made. You

may read it when we
meet! You'll be a
wiser and sadder girl!

Address me in case of
the Bristol Hotel, number
Quai, Budapest, Hungary,
where I will be from August
30 to Sept. 2nd. My
address in Belgrade, Yugoslavia
in care of the Y. M. C. A., 11
in care of the Y. M. C. A., 4
in care of the Y. M. C. A., 7.

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Am asking Betty to
get Mary a real nice party
dress as her birthday present!

Sent her (Mary) a
love letter!

Feeling grand.

Lonesome as blydes.

Lovingly yours

Kirby

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August 22

Dearie:

Arnold is here and has told me a lot. So glad that he substantiates your letters about the state of your health.

Keep up the good work.

About a third of the new book is now in rough manuscript form. Am thrilled with it. But I would be!

Getting mighty eager for the 15th to role

around will have
a million questions
to ask.

Have written the children
~~at~~ at least once and usually
twice every week since
sailing.

Am leaving on
Wednesday for Budapest.
Will write at the ~~ymca~~
in Belgrade and Sofia
for letters.

Hearts of love

Kirby

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Aug 2

My dear Alma:

Had a good visit with Ambrose Reeves of the Student Christian Movement. He came for dinner last evening. He is going to arrange for a two day retreat for the party next year, with a group of English religious leaders. Will write Sherwood more details shortly.

More rain today but

I love you still!

your

Kirby

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dearie of mine:

all well here!

Same old story -
library every day. ^{am}
thrilled over progress made.

Here are some carbons.

and a lot of love

with a few kisses!

Kirby

Show to S.B.E.

Reb letter
for new
friends
& supporters
Reb letter for large
list to follow
soon.

26 Bedford Place, London, W.C.1, August 23, 1929.

My dear Harold,

For nearly two months now I have been in England and have had a most profitable time. During the first ten days I participated in the sessions of the Sherwood Eddy Seminar at Toynbee Hall, and since that time have been doing research work in the library of the British Museum. The program here was excellent. Among the distinguished Britons who addressed us were Lloyd George, Viscount Cecil, H. H. Brailsford, Sir Arthur Salter, Norman Angell, Seebohm Rowntree, S. K. Ratcliffe, Wickham Steed, G. P. Gooch and Herbert Gray. We were entertained at tea on the terrace of the House of Commons and addressed by the Foreign Secretary, the Right Honorable Arthur Henderson, and several of his colleagues. We have counted up that ten members of the present Cabinet, including Ramsay Macdonald, have addressed the seminar on one or more years. Receptions were given for us by the Archbishop of Canterbury; Viscountess Gladstone, where the party met Viscount, formerly Sir Edward, Grey and Professor Gilbert Murray; and Lady Astor, who produced Bernard Shaw, Field-Marshall Lord Allenby and other dignitaries for our enlightenment and entertainment. At Oxford the group was addressed by Principal L. P. Jacks and others. Really, a good time was had by all.

After the other members of the party went on to the Continent, I settled down for six weeks' uninterrupted work in the library of the British Museum and have been having a grand time all by myself, in spite of the fact that my wife accompanied Mrs. Eddy to Paris, Geneva, Berlin and Russia. My object in staying here was to get a good start on a new book which I plan to call National Defense - a study of the origins, results and prevention of war. The enclosed outline will give you some idea of what I have in mind. My general thesis is that wars have been produced by a combination of nationalism, imperialism, militarism, chauvinism and fear and that the various peoples of the world were all afflicted with the same deadly malady, being motivated by similar passions and being under the spell of the same ideas.

During the past six weeks I have piled up an enormous mass of evidence on the various points. In going over my records, I find that I have searched the table of contents and index and have read sections of not less than 500 volumes during this period, although it is obvious that not all of them were read in entirety. About

one-third of the book is now in rough manuscript and ready for careful revision. My guess is that the completed volume will run to about 500 pages. It will not be ready for eighteen months. I am hoping to gather a lot of material as we go from country to country.

A cablegram brought me the good news that my book Jesus or Christianity, which is being published by Doubleday, Doran & Company, has been chosen by the Religious Book of the Month Club as its October selection. This delights me greatly as it will substantially increase the circulation and influence of the volume. A copy will be sent to you early in October and I shall covet your comment and criticism. An abbreviated pamphlet edition is being prepared for wide popular circulation, especially among college students.

On Wednesday I am leaving for the Balkans. After conferences in Budapest, Belgrade and Sofia, I am planning to meet Alma and the Eddys in Constantinople. After trying to get a line on the situation there, we go on to Egypt, Palestine, Mesopotamia, India, the Philippines, China and Japan. We expect to get back in the States in June. We get good reports from our children who are spending the summer in camp and who will return to Lincoln School in the fall, in the care of our dear friends Eugene and Betty House.

My impressions of the situation here in England are being put in the form of an article for The World Tomorrow, so I shall not go into details now. On the whole the Labor Government has done exceptionally well and in my opinion will stay in power for several years. Britain is solidly behind Chancellor Snowden's stand at the Hague, on the ground that England has had to give in at almost every post-war conference in order to avoid a breakdown. The feeling here is almost unanimous that the time has come when France and Italy must begin to make commensurate concessions. There is a feeling of optimism that President Hoover and Premier Macdonald are on the verge of a notable agreement concerning naval disarmament.

Letters from America are a delight on a long trip: they will always be forwarded from 347 Madison Avenue, New York City, Room 704.

Affectionately yours,

26 Bedford Place, London, S.W. 1, August 23rd.

dear folks:

The end of my stay in London is drawing near. On Wednesday I am leaving for the Balkans. Arnold Johnson, Sherwood Eddy's secretary, is back from Russia where he was with the party, so I am getting first hand information. He reports that Alma is in grand health and going about vigorously. It is most encouraging the way she has been picking up. Traveling seems to do her a world of good. Arnold reports that the group saw a lot of most interesting sights and met many interesting people. The three day trip on the river Yolga seems to have been especially delightful. But I have no doubt you have had direct word from Alma about all this.

The typists have copied about 150 pages of the rough manuscript of the new book and I am quite thrilled over the way it is working out. By concentrating upon it day and night for six weeks I have done three months' work. In looking over my records I find that I have searched the table of contents and index and read portions of not less than 500 volumes during this period, although obviously not all were read in entirety. I have collected an extraordinary mass of valuable information. The book is now about one-third completed. I hope to do another third during the remainder of the long trip and then to do the balance when I get back to the States.

Camping time is nearly over. The children will be back in New York City after the 2nd or 3rd of September. We are confident that they are in good hands and that they will have a splendid year.

I am to meet Alma and the Eddys in Constantinople on September 15th. Prior to that time I am visiting the capitals of Hungary, Jugoslavia and Bulgaria, where I expect to have interesting and profitable experiences.

Until the sixteenth fifteenth of September you may address us c/o Thomas Cook & Sons, Basra, Iraq, where we will be on October 19th. After that send letters to 86 College St., Calcutta, India, care YMCA.

I am getting excited as the time gets nearer to meet Alma and go on together. We are anticipating a joyous and profitable trip of it. We shall be thinking of you people constantly.

Affectionately yours,

Toynbee
Anne J.

Best regards

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August 23rd.

my dear MR. Toynbee,

It was with great regret that I learned that you were away from London as I wanted to talk with you about the possibility of your writing an article for us. Last year we ran a series of articles on "Recent gains in American civilization," in which a group of distinguished Americans, including John Dewey, Charles A. Beard, Stuart Chase, Harry Emerson Fosdick, outlined recent progress in various realms of life. The series was later published under the same title by Harcourt, Brace and Company.

It is now our thought to begin on January 1st a series on "Forward trends in the Orient." We are thinking of some fifteen articles covering various aspects of life in the Near East, the Middle East, India, the Philippines, China and Japan. We want very much to have you write an article of some 5,000 words covering recent developments in the Near East. We are prepared to pay an honorarium of \$100 for this article. We would need the manuscript by November 15th and hope that it may be possible for you to write it on the steamer after you sail from Basra. We plan to have this series published also as a permanent volume.

There is an appalling ignorance in the United States concerning the peoples of the Orient and we believe that such a series as we contemplate may exert a most helpful influence on international relations. We are thinking of the post-war period chiefly, and while the various writers will naturally be critical where criticism is needed, the primary emphasis will be upon the gains or advances made in the different realms. We should like to have you treat the high spots in politics, economics, education and religion. In other words we desire a general interpretation of the situation. The stock of information of our readers is not, as a rule, very extensive. We should like to open the series with your article.

If you think it will be possible for you to cooperate in this way, I should be glad to have you outline the sort of article that appeals to you. Just how many countries should be included in "the Near East?" By an interesting coincidence, I am to be in Constantinople on September 14th and may be addressed in care of the YMCA, 40 Rue Cabristan. From August 28th to Sept. 2nd I will be in Budapest, care YMCA, Ullói ut 19. From September 25th to October 2nd my address will be care YMCA, 6 Sharia Hubar Pasha, Cairo. From there I am going on to Basra, India, China and Japan. If you are able to write the article, it should be sent direct to my colleague, George Allen, in New York City. I shall await some word from you with great eagerness.

Moscow, Russia.
August 25, 1929.

My dear Betty:

I hate to inflict this on you, but Sherwood says that this must not go out in the mails from here, and Nevin Sayre is leaving tonight and will mail it from somewhere in Europe. There is no hurry to get it out. Hereafter I can probably get them all done myself. There is more time now that we do not have to see a prescribed thing in a certain time. and you know the rate at which Sherwood goes. I shall be happy to see Kirby again and then I am going to keep him a while. I don't like this idea of being a third party, but have managed so far and can get along until Kirby comes along. In fact it is not bad now, because Maud and I are two and Sherwood comes into the program now and then. He is spending all his time conferring and studying and writing. I am making good use of my time to read something and learn a little of what I have been seeing.

Hope everything continues to go well with you and Haddon, but you must keep the upper hand, but of course you need not let him know it. The best way to manage these men is to let them think they are boss. They are as bad as they women, they are never happy unless they think they are ruling the ranch. Lots of love,

Affectionately yours,

Maud

Please add names of
Mrs Katherine Eddy both of 620 W. 122 St.
and
Miss Alice Schilling
only one copy to Betty Horne & the children at 620 W 122 St.

the leisure hours, so that all men may witness the constructive value of affording opportunity for recreation.

Of course the difficulties to be encountered are strongly entrenched behind the wall of Capitalism, which makes progress move at a snail's pace often, but so long as we are headed in the right direction, each step makes possible a still further advance.

Pardon me, please. I had not intended burdening you with anything like such a long missive, but I just couldn't stop.

I used to buy The World Tomorrow on the news stands, but have been unable to do so for quite a long time. I have even forgotten the subscription price. I am therefore enclosing check for \$5 and shall be glad to have my subscription entered for as long a time as \$5 will pay for.

Thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

P. J. Sailer
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11th February 1929.

Kirby Page Esq.,
52 Vanderbilt Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Kirby,

I thought you would be interested in seeing two leading articles which have appeared recently in the London "Times" by Professor de Madariaga. In these Madariaga discusses the Monroe Doctrine and uses your recent study as the basis for most of what he has to say in his first article.

Ever yours,

FPM/KM
Enclos. Cuttings.

Frank Miller

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Mr. Kirby Page,
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52 Vanderbilt Avenue,
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Dear Mr. Page:

I appreciate your letter of February 13th and trust that our first acquaintance may lead to many contacts in the future. I should be glad to look over recent issues of the World Tomorrow. I have not seen it regularly but have had occasion to refer to it a number of times in the past. If we are not getting it in our own special library I shall see that it is ordered. It is as you indicated a publication that serves an admirable purpose.

You would be much gratified I am sure to hear the numerous reports that have come to me concerning the impressions made by your forceful address before the Foreign Relations Council. Several people asserted that it was the best meeting which we had had up to date. It was good of you to come on such short notice.

Please remember me to your coworker, Mr. Allen.

Cordially yours,

W. E. Mosher

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My own Sweetheart Alma:

Nineteen years ago this evening we made it definite! What glorious years they have been! And our love is just as warm and true as it was when we agreed to go down life's road together!

You've been a wonderful little wife, dearie. There are still more glorious years on ahead! Every time I think of the children I breathe a prayer of thanksgiving.

Few married couples have ever been so abundantly blessed as we have been.

I had a very fine response
at Thiel College yesterday and
got a good start at Allegheny
College this morning. Have
four addresses here. The
weather is cold but not
unpleasant.

Hope all of you are
well. Expect to be back on
Monday afternoon.

With more love than I can
express,

Yours ever

Sladey

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Mr. Kirby Page
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Dear Mr. Page:

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Because of your intense personal interest in just the sort of questions which we are facing right now I am bold enough to seek your opinion and advice.

Very soon the governing and supporting bodies of Mission High Schools in China must make a decision with reference to Compulsory Military Training being given in the two highest years of the High School Course. Individual missionaries must also make personal decisions as to their course of action.

I would very much appreciate having your answers to these questions.

1. What attitude do you think the Chinese Church ought to take toward Military Training in Middle Schools?

2. Should the Mission Boards continue to support with funds and personnel their High Schools, established supposedly to bring "peace on earth, goodwill to men" and to develop Christian character, when such schools give Compulsory Military Training?

3. Should an individual American Missionary, who is opposed to military training in high schools, continue to give his life in labor for a school which gives Compulsory Military Training in certain grades at the request or the demand of the Chinese Government?

We do not question the right of the Chinese Government to request all mission schools to register and we expect to be accepted for registration in a few weeks. Compulsory Military Training is suggested for the highest two years of High School but as I understand it, at the present moment it is not absolutely required of every registered High School. Whether required or not the question has ceased to be an academic one and must be faced.

I realize this is a very ticklish question for foreigners in young National China to answer but I very much want your reaction from that distance with your understanding of the international situation. If I could have your answers early in May I would be most happy.

Thank you for the good work you are doing in editing the World Tomorrow. H.G. Engelbrecht's article on "The Camel and the Arab" reveals a situation some of us would like to avoid in China but the international complications have influenced me to seek your help.

Sincerely yours,
Harold S. Matthews
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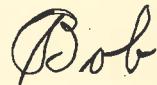
Dear Kirby:

February 28, 1929

You certainly gave us something to think about yesterday morning. I do not know when I have been quite so much helped. From the remarks of others, I am sure that they did appreciate the stimulation you gave us. I do hope that we can have you again in the near future.

With every good wish and kind regards,
I am

As ever yours,



RCS/L

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My dear Dr. Page:-

On February 19th I wrote extending
you an invitation to speak on the Monroe Doctrine be-
fore the Institute of Public Affairs, which will be
held from August 4th to 17th.

As I have not had a reply I fear that
the letter was probably not sent to the right address,
and I am, therefore, enclosing a copy. I sincerely hope
that you may be with us.

Very cordially,

Chas. G. Maphis

Chas. G. Maphis,
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My dear Mr. Page:

The leaders of the Study Conference

will meet this afternoon in Room 226 at 3 o'clock.

It is exceedingly important that you be there at that time. We want you to serve as Chairman of Group B. C

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UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET
NEW YORK

March 12, 1929

Dear Kirby:

It was only ten days ago that I was able to find free time to go over your manuscript carefully. I hoped to see you last week to talk it over personally, but it was not possible to get downtown. This is the reason I have not written.

I know you want my very frankest judgment, but I find it awfully difficult to give this. Frankly, I do not like the manuscript in its present form and I cannot help but hope that you will change it very radically or readjust the order of your Table of Contents before publishing. You have drawn up a terrific indictment of historic organized Christianity. It is all true, but I am not sure that it really proves the point you want to make. Further, I am certain that it would not do the good which you hope from it. Strange as it may seem to you, I quite readily imagine a person laying down this opening chapter with these two impressions dominant: First, - "well, after all, in the light of the terrific misrepresentation of the religion of Jesus in the past, the present condition of organized Christianity is not so bad." Second, - "In the light of the perversion of his religion which his Churches made, what a marvelous achievement the religion of Jesus itself was'."

It seems to me that what you are doing in effect is to point out how base human nature both individually and collectively is and that it will take any ideal, no matter how fine, and pervert it. But the picture you show is so uniformly black that it left on me an impression, not of desire to change the Church, but simply of cynical despair regarding the possibility of ever expressing idealism corporately. It would drive most people in the direction of Bill Simpson or Ghandi rather than your own social program.

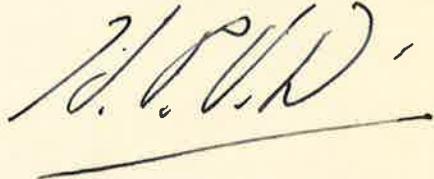
Further, I am not sure that the picture you have painted is really a true one. You cannot in fairness point out all of the dark aspects of the portrait without revealing the fine things also. This chapter sounds very much more like Sherwood than it does like you. Had I read it without knowing who wrote it, I would have said that it came from his pen. If this chapter is to be succeeded by another ~~opening~~ ^{going} with an equally pessimistic contrast between contemporary Christianity and the religion of Jesus, you would leave your readers in terrific gloom. I honestly doubt whether many of the people you are most anxious to reach would plough through a hundred or so pages of massed statistics and facts so pessimistic.

Now, my positive suggestion without seeing the rest of the manuscript would be this:- To put Chapter III. first and to make it as positive and winning as possible. To follow it probably with Chapter IV., then to print the present Chapters I. and II. cutting them, however, to not more than one half of their present length. This would mean, of course, the entire re-writing of Chapter I.

Does this seem too terribly critical and negative? If it does, be sure it is only because of my own affection for you and feeling that this work in its present form and temper simply is not worthy of you at your best. It is not in the same vein or class with "The Sword and the Cross", and yet I feel that you have a message along this line just as winning and attractive and unanswerable as "The Sword and the Cross" was.

I have made a few specific marks or suggestions in the margin of the manuscript itself. Do let me know if I may help you with criticisms more constructive than these.

Ever affectionately,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. C. W." followed by a horizontal line.

March 14, 1929.

Dear Pit:

I cannot thank you sufficiently for your valuable comment on my manuscript. Strange as it may seem, I agree with much of what you have said. By an interesting coincidence, the order which you suggest is the original one of the first draft. The change was made on the theory that the historic section was the most dramatic and interesting and therefore on psychological grounds would be a better beginning. I am now convinced, however, that it is better to follow the original order.

It is not a study in contrasts of valid procedure. If I gave the reader the impression that I was telling the whole story, my tactics would be indefensible but I am saying over and over again that this is only one side of the story and in numerous footnotes give references to other volumes that will enable the reader to get a rounded treatment. It seems to me necessary to make the contrast very sharp. That is the reason I have proceeded as I have.

It is obvious I must do a lot more work on the manuscript before it goes to press. Many thanks indeed for your friendly help.

Affectionately yours,

Dr. H. P. Van Dusen
Union Theological Seminary
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New York, N. Y.

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SHIBA-KU,
TOKYO, JAPAN.

March 15th, 1929

Mr. Kirby Page,
"The World Tomorrow",
#52 Vanderbilt Avenue,
New York City,
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Page:-

Some time ago I sent you a copy of the translation by Paul Nagata of your "Was Jesus a Patriot?" This pamphlet has been printed and is being distributed by the Yuwa Kai, the F.o.R. in Japan, of which I am Associate Secretary. Permission to translate your pamphlet was given, as you will recall, by yourself to Mr. J. Howard Covell.

Recently I was commissioned, as a member of the Japan Exec. Com. of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, to select a pamphlet to be translated and published by this group, which is not very progressive, but which has funds on its hands. After a search through my library, I decided that "The Sword or the Cross?" was, all things considered, the best pamphlet to be distributed at this particular time. I made the recommendation to the committee, which immediately took steps toward translation and printing. It then occurred to me that I had not secured your permission. For, while we may be legally within our rights, nevertheless I realize that you may have some arrangement with Doran which may make translation impossible. Further mere courtesy demands that you be consulted first.

However "large bodies move slowly" and now that the Exec. Com. here has begun to move, I am loath to check the process. Also I feel that there are about 99 chances out of 100 that you will have no objection. So I have decided to take a chance on it.

If you do object for any reason, will you be good enough to consult with my brother Kenneth, who may decide that a cable suspending printing is necessary? Unless I hear from you to the contrary, therefore, we will proceed.

Just at present the great theme for conversation in Japan now is the murder of Yamamoto, left wing, Communist, M.P. by Kuroda, super-patriot - the old, old story of violence meeting violence and death ensuing.

Very Cordially Yours,

Theodore D. Walser

First Congregational Church
Berkeley, California

Office of the Pastor

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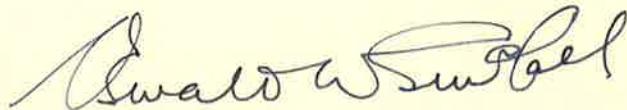
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My dear Page:

In renewing my subscription to "The World Tomorrow," I'd like to tell you how much I enjoyed your article in a recent forum on "A New National Preparedness." I thought that Rear Admiral Fiske's rejoinder was pathetically feeble and I could myself, without being an admiral, have written, I imagine, a stronger case for the old system--and then would have continued to disbelieve in it! Admirals don't use swords any more, they only wear them, or else I'd say that I've seen one more occasion in which the pen was mightier than the sword.

With best regards.

Sincerely,



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Oswald W.S. McCall

Mr. Kirby Page,
Editor, "The World Tomorrow,"
52 Vanderbilt Ave.,
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March
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1929

Mr. Harold S. Matthews,
Grinnell-in-China,
On the Grand Canal,
Tachow, Shantung

My dear Mr. Matthews:-

Your letter of February 26th interests me very greatly. I do not feel competent to give satisfactory answers to your questions. I am strongly of the opinion that the Chinese Church like the church in all other nations ought to oppose military training in civil institutions. I realize that the mission boards are in a most embarrassing position since their own government maintains armed forces in China. Since this is the case, it seems to me that China's government will have a good case for compulsory military training in Chinese schools. I can think of circumstances under which a Christian pacifist would be justified in continuing in a school which requires compulsory military training on the demand of the Chinese government, on the condition that he were privileged to protest continually against the whole war system including compulsory military training. I wish I had more wisdom on this subject.

I am planning to sail on June 26th for ~~Europe~~ and from there will go to India, Japan, and China. I shall hope to see you while I am in China next spring.

Cordially yours,

KP:VMF

Teachers College
Columbia University
New York

March 30, 1929.

Mr. Kirby Page,
"The World Tomorrow"
52 Vanderbilt Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Page:

I am writing to express my appreciation of your editorial comment in the World Tomorrow regarding Mr. Frederick Harris. It seems to me well deserved and well said, the proper tribute to a noble character.

Sincerely yours,

Wm H Kilpatrick

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dearest wife:

Had a good meeting here at noon.

Got a lot of writing done.

The weather is very mild and the blossoms
are ahead of New York.

The anticipated tragedy occurred. My
trousers gave way today! Exactly the
same shot on my left knee!

Spent \$28.50 in a suit with two
pairs of trousers. Looks like a bargain.

Will carry the old suit to Perry.

Suggest you get out the map
and trace my itinerary with the
children.

Kiss me if you get any word
from Holter.
Hope I love you own
Daddy.

I would call it. However, it has suited them for many, many years. Most of the people are desperately poor, and wear pitifully few clothes. They really do not need them most of the time, and can't afford them anyway. The poorer classes do not wear trousers but take a couple of yards of cloth which was white once upon a time, wrap it around a couple of time and produce a pretty fair imitation of trousers, without any of the bother of cutting or sewing. If they become torn in one place they can be turned round and the hole put somewhere else. Some are naked to the waist and some wrap another piece of cloth about their chests. Sometimes it may be an old gunny sack, and when they are tired they spread it out and lie down on it.

Those who can afford it wear shirts, and if you have ever bought a shirt made by the English you can well imagine that the shirt often comes to the knees of the men out here. I suppose the shirts are made here, and perhaps they are made long intentionally, but if you want to see how it looks get a Horne shirt and try it on a man five feet six. Of course the shirt is worn loose. If he is somewhat affluent and wishes to make an impression he may have a vest on with it, or even a coat. But his legs from the knees down will be bare, also his feet. They can lie down on the steps or curbing or sidewalk or floor or any place where there may be room, and sleep. The coolies are capable of tremendous effort at times. They will take a heavy trunk on their heads and carry it up three or four flights of steps. However, the climate is hard, and after making sustained efforts for a while they have to have idle periods to renew their energy. Even Kirby and Sherwood have to ^{1/2} bit slower out here.

The higher class men often wear Western clothes. Most of them have had Western training either in Europe or America or in Mission schools, and speak very good English. The servants of the rich wear white trousers usually and most of the servants everywhere wear a white coat reaching almost to the knees. They like to have brass buttons in front. They wear their turbans as part of the uniform. There are turbans for every class, every sect, every race, every occupation and I guess if there is anything I have forgotten there is a different turban for it. Men do all the work for foreigners. They cook and sweep and dust and serve and wash and sew and the other work which is usually done by men. About the only women who work in the Bengali provinces are the Anglo-Indians. There are some women servants in some of the Indian homes, but they often lead a hard life, but so do the women of the family if they are still in purdah, and most of them are. Bengali province is the most conservative in this respect.

The Indian women all wear the beautiful sari. (Let me say now that I have learned to put one on.) The sari of the women of the higher class are of lovely silks and here in Bengali they are worn over the hair. In the south they are not. A sari is forty-five or more inches wide and at least five yards long. It is wound around the body and until recently no pin was used in fastening. Now they use a pin on the shoulder mostly. The sari is usually of plain silk with a border of embroidery braid or even brilliants. Some are of finely woven cotton with a woven border. They now wear an underskirt as it is more comfortable than twisting three more yards of goods around them. There is a short sleeve, butterfly waist worn with the sari, no stockings and either sandals or slippers with pointed toes. The poorer women are barefoot and sometimes have a scanty sari around them. If they can afford it they have one on the same style as the rich men but of cotton. Some of the women are quite lovely.

And some of them are beautiful. The Maharani of Mysore Jang (Muhr Change) came to have tea with us last week, and yesterday afternoon Miss Gregg, the Y.W. Secretary here, took Maud and ^Y out to the Maharani's place for tea. The men are chasing interviews and Cook's. It is a perfectly lovely place and is furnished on the European style. The drawing room had lovely Chinese carved furniture in it. Of course everything in it was lovely, but nothing was any lovelier than the Maharani and her daughter, who came in later. The Maharani was dressed in pure white silk with pointed white slippers. She is not only lovely, she is an intelligent woman of fine character.

She was educated and brought up out of purdah. She has spent and is still spending a lot of energy in behalf of education, especially for the women. The daughter is a fine girl about 19, full of energy and life and interested in sports and art. The daughter were a lovely pink silk sari with an edging of brilliants and white dots embroidered on it in silk. Most of the women wear five or six light gold bracelets on each arm.

We have also met a Mrs. Roy, who is one of the finest, intelligent woman of India. She is not only interested in education and works on all kinds of committees, but is interested in politics and keeps up with things political in spite of her 68 years. She is not beautiful, but she is wonderful, and all this in defiance of age and ill health. She was educated by her father and she and her sisters were raised out of purdah.

Maud and I have also seen a Mohammedan school for girls run by a Mohammedan woman who must keep purdah herself in order to get girls for the school. Most of the girls are in purdah after twelve or thirteen years. This school covers the primary and elementary grades. The girls are up to sixteen years. Most of them marry as soon as they leave school. It is now against the law for a girl to be married before fourteen years of age, but some were married very young before this law.

Last Friday, the four of us were permitted to see the poet, Rabindranath Tagore. You have all seen his picture and perhaps read some of his writings. He is a fine, handsome, old man, nearing seventy years of age. His face is fine and calm, with a spiritual beauty about it. His hair and beard are almost white, and have a soft wave in them. He talked to us for an hour on several subjects, and later Kirby and I shall go to see his school at Belpur where they have several nationalities working together training people to work in the villages. They are given a practical kind of education to fit them to raise their villages from ruin to prosperity.

Last Thursday and Friday were holidays in honor of the goddess Kali. On Friday afternoon and evening there were endless parades in front of the building of people taking clay statues to throw into the river. Kali is supposed to be a goddess who killed a demon who was doing much to hurt the people. The statues, made of clay and straw, are painted. Kali is a black statue and stands with her feet on the body of a man painted white. There is usually a large fan-shaped ornament in back of Kali and the rafts they are on are decorated. Sometimes this ornament is of peacock feathers. This ornament is not thrown into the river. While the people march along with the statue they have drums and native music, at least they call it music, and sometimes they stop and have a dance in the streets and set off fireworks in front of the procession. They always decorate the walls and buildings with lights on these holidays. On the big buildings electric lights are used while on walls and other buildings candles or tiny jars of oil are burned. It all looks very lovely. I just say that most of the higher class of people are not very orthodox in their religion. The whole East and Near East is a wonderful field of adventure for young Christian doctors and educators willing to live their religion instead of preach it.

Hope things are going as well with you as they are with us. Love,

Ever,

MARY ALMA PAGE

P.S. Any letters addressed to me at 347 Madison Avenue, New York, will be forwarded.

Calcutta, November 7, 1929.

Dear Folks:

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I had my first meal in an Indian home last week. All are seated on the floor and eat with their fingers, no knives, forks or spoons being used. Hands are scrupulously washed before beginning and immediately afterward. The right hand only is used. I managed to get along without any trouble, although most of the dishes were strange to me. The practice of eating with one's hands is not as disagreeable as it sounds. It is simply an ancient custom.

Last Thursday and Friday were holidays on account of a national festival to the goddess Kali. An endless number of processions passed the Y & C A where we are staying. Each group carried an idol of Kali, standing upon the prostrate form of a man. The crowd sang and danced and were accompanied by weird music. Each idol was carried to the Hoogly River, which is the main channel of the Ganges, and dumped in with an elaborate ceremony, including fireworks and the blare of many trumpets. We went to the river at night and watched the proceedings.

We are extremely fortunate in that we are able to stay in the Y & C building. We have a very large room with an adjoining bath - the bath tub consisting of an enormous tin tub, about three times the size of the one we used as children. Both of us are well, although Alms had a headache last week. We think of you folks continuously.

Affectionately yours,

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